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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/076,455

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For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER AND
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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: Examiner: Unassigned

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: Group Art Unit: 2852

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: June 21, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following commonly-assigned U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/900,944	07/10/2001	2852	Pending
09/697,715	10/27/2000	2852	Allowed
09/694,506	10/24/2000	2852	Allowed
10/004,876	12/07/2001	2852	Pending

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A copy of each of the cited Applications is enclosed.

FEE/STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action has not been received in the subject application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 7-104572 is discussed, at least, at page 2, line 24 through page 3, line 27 and page 5, line 18 through page 7, line 20 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 7-44000 is discussed, at least at page 4, lines 1 through 22 and page 5, line 8 through page 7, line 20 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 10-260574 is discussed, at least, at page 4, line 23 through page 7, line 20 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,890,040 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 10-260574.

Japanese Patent Document No. 7-113796 is discussed, at least, at page 6, line 5 through page 7, line 20 of the specification.

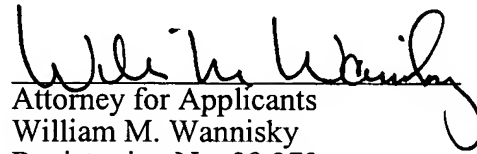
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the cited documents have been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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